



OUTTRAY

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Congratulations

Mrs Heather McEwan

SOE Group - Uitenhage Long Service Medal

Ms Stella Sibanga

South East Region Long Service Medal

Ms Gloria Kelepu

South East Region Long Service Medal

Mr Brian Daniels

1st West Eng Group Certificate of Merit - Lay

Mrs Melanie Lower

Algoa Sea Scout Group Certificate of Merit - Lay

Mrs Hilda de Vroom

SOE Group - Uitenhage Certificate of Merit - Uniform

Mrs Heather McEwan

SOE Group - Uitenhage Certificate of Merit

Mrs Pat Minnaar

Area Head Quarters Certificate of Merit

Mrs Hilda de Vroom

SOE Group - Uitenhage 10 Year Service Award

Mrs Leslie Pike

1st Cotswold Group 10 year Service Award

Mr Brad Johnson

St Columba Group 5 Year Service Award

Thank you all for the service you have given to the Scout Movement.

Lisbet de Meyer, editor of Algoa Anchor News on being co-winner of the HV Marsh Award for Scout Journalism for her efforts in 2002. The magnificent Kudu Horn Trophy back in Port Elizabeth.

Leaping Wolf Badge

Thubaletu Mdokwano - 1st Port Alfred Pack

Gary Bubb - 1st Lorraine Pack

Ryan Wilson - 1st Lorraine Pack

Alex Oliphant - 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Pack

Philippa Anderson - St Croix Sea Scout Pack



Awards presented at the B-P Dinner by Mrs Nosidima Ndlovu (Area Chairperson); Centre - to (from left) Pat Minnaar; Melanie Lower; Brad Johnson; Hilda de Vroom; Leslie Pike and Heather McEwan. In the back, our Area Commissioner Ernie Pike.



HV Marsh Trophy for Scout Journalism is back in Cape Eastern after many years - Algoa Anchor News, editor Lisbet de Meyer (centre) of Algoa Sea Scout Group, flanked by Colin Stretton and Mrs Nosidima Ndlovu, at the B-P Dinner in Port Elizabeth when the award was announced. "The Lighthouse" Scout Magazine of the Humewood Sea Scout Group was awarded the HV Marsh Trophy three times in the 1960's while Colin was Troop and Group Scouter there.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

5/6 Area Scout Council/Area Sub-comm.

6 Cub Soccer/Scout Touch Rugby

25/28 McLelland Camping Trophy

PLTC (C)

26/28 PLTC (E)

MAY

1/4 Skills Course (E)

2/4 Scout Woodbadge Course (W)

9/11 Warrant Course (EGK)

9 Cub Funday (SE)

10 Introduction to Leadership Course (W)

16/18 Lion Cub Camp

16/17 Night Hike/Walton Trophy (W)

JUNE

7/8 Area Scout Council

13/16 Pow Wow/Skills Training (Area)

21/22 Group Scouters/Commissioners Warrant Course (W)

27/30 Cub/Scout Wood Badge Course

JULY

1/4 Cub/Scout Wood Badge Course

11/13 Rover Warrant Course

25/27 Cub/Scout Warrant Course (W)

31 Census Due

SCOUT WOODBADGE COURSE

An Area Scout Woodbadge Course commences on the week-end 2/4 May with the second week-end booked for 19/21 September 2003.

Contact Area Headquarters 041 374 4096 or AAC Adult training - Jeff Ferreira 083 780 6162 for more information.

THE NATIONAL ANNUAL BADGE

Cubs & Scouts will soon be wearing the National Badge - dated 2003 on the outer side above their left hand shirt pocket.

When your Group subs are paid up each member will receive one. If you belong to a School Group and paid your R250 Unit registration and have paid R9.50 each, you can sew this badge onto your uniform to show you care and are paying your way in Scouting. The badge is quite attractive but must be replaced each year.



5th AFRICA JAMBOREE

Catembe, Mozambique - December 2004 - January 2005

Full details available on

www.scouting.org.za/africa/jamboree

20th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 20th World Jamboree was held in Thailand from 28th December to 8th January 2003. 25600 Scouts, Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world camped together in a tented city at Sattahip, 50 kilometres east of Bangkok, on the coast with beautiful white sand beaches and clear sea water.

"Share our World, Share our Cultures" was the theme of the Jamboree, and the emblem depicted a Thai roof with the World Scout Emblem centred on it.

One of the highlights of many was when Betty Clay, daughter of B-P, spoke at the close of the Jamboree. "If you go out from here and remember my father's advice to you to live up to your Promise and Law always, then you will lead the happiest life possible, just like he did."

1st UITENHAGE (SOE) GALA

From Avon Ingram we learn that 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Group and 1st Uitenhage Girl Guides held their combined Gala on 7th March 2003. The weather was great and a fun filled event was enjoyed by all.

The winners of the Open Championships were: Cubs - Stuart Gillmer. Scouts - Brian Reynolds. Teddies - Ingrid Carstens. Brownies - Michelle Schultz. Guides - Jnene Meyer. The Brownies beat the Cubs in a handicap Race; Scouts just beat the Guides and the Old Time Scouters triumphed against the Scouts. Will the Scouts live that one down?

MAROONED FOR TWO DAYS

From an article in Veld Lore "Spring 1967" we read that a party of Scouts with Scouter Gavin Baldie from 1st Walmer Troop - Port Elizabeth, were marooned by 200mm of rain and swollen rivers, while on a week-end hike. The party had to resort to survival tactics. Their adventures included erecting survival shelter with groundsheets, and using ropes for safe fording of the rivers. The scouts were T/L Fred Williams, Scouts Dougls Stevens, Keith Williams and Robert Mutlow.

20th AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE

5th to 15th January 2004 - Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia. If any of your scouts or Leaders are interested in attending, contact Pat at Head Quarters for details or look at www.jamboree.scouts.com.au

TROOP SCOUTERS HANDBOOK

The up-to-date Troop Scouters Handbook is available at Scout Headquarters at R40.00. The first 100 copies we have received are subsidised, so get your copy now. This Scout Publication (A4) size, well bound, is a must for every Troop Scouter. It contains the latest Advancement Programme, Scoutcraft and Interest Badge requirements - all the forms you need to run your Troop efficiently. There are suggested troop meeting programmes on the various Advancement requirements and the book ends off informing the Troop Scouter on their responsibilities as far as Gender, Childrens Rights and Volunteers are concerned, a truly worthwhile publication.

START A SCOUT NEWSLETTER GOING IN YOUR GROUP!

In congratulating Algoa Sea Scout Group on the magnificent Newsletter Lisbet edits each edition, we must also congratulate the other Groups that HAVE a regular Newsletter published. It does not have to be a work of art in the beginning, just a newsy A4 sheet of paper will do. I am certain that the Groups who have a newsletter going, are the ones who have successful Packs and Troops, achieving their Scouting goals. Informed parents and friends are the first to come forward to help when help is needed. In the Newsletter the Cubs & Scouts, as well as their parents, see their achievements applauded and will "do their best" to be mentioned again.

Compiling a newsletter, reproduction and distribution is a job - and does cost money - but I can assure you that this will be a small price to pay when you see the enthusiasm and progress it brings with it.

Kiwit



The magnificent HV Marsh Trophy for Scout Journalism could one day be presented to your Scout Group.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

CENTRAL REGION

A launch and investiture took place at Jafta Primary School on 13th February 2003. The School Governing Body and 50 parents, as well as 10 teachers from neighbouring schools were in attendance. A total of 46 Scouts were invested under the watchful eyes of the St Thomas Scouts and 10 of their Scouters. A very successful event.

EASTERN REGION

On the 13th December 2002 a total of 114 boys and girls were invested as Cubs and Scouts in Port St Johns, a large gathering of teachers, adults, parents and local community leaders were in attendance. A number of Scouters also got invested during this mass occasion.



A Group of the just invested cubs with their proud Akela.

On 21st & 22nd February a Spacial Development Initiative exhibition was held in Port St Johns. At this event we were able to secure an exhibition table to display our pamphlets.

A successful BP Day was held in Maclear on the 20th February and another on 26th February at Tsolo. A number of Scouts, Scouters and teachers attended the festivities. An eye-opener for parents and teachers.

A camp was held in Maclear on 1st & 2nd February and a Cub & Scouts skills day was held in Port St Johns on 7th March.

An Information Day was held in Mount Fletcher on the 18th March. This "What is Scouting" information was delivered to 7 Government officials by Patience Vili, Matthew Reve and Ernie Pike. They, in turn, have promised to be more sympathetic to our needs to develop Scouting in those rural areas.

SOUTH EASTERN REGION

A Cub Warrant Course was held in Butterworth on 20th to 23rd March.

A BP Dinner was held in Butterworth on the 8th March. This was a very successful event at which about 48 people were present. The Area Commissioner and his wife were invited and thoroughly enjoyed the meal and event. Also an eye-opener to many of those in attendance. Long Service awards were presented to Gloria Kelepu and Stella Sibanga and a Scouters wife Award was present to Matthew Reve's wife.



Pack Scouter and two brand new Cubs at the Display Table at the Spacial Development Initiative Exhibition, Port St Johns.



The magnificent gathering at Port St. Johns on the 13th December.

INTRODUCTION COURSE IN KOKSTAD

A very successful Introduction Course was held for the Mount Fletcher groups and included adults from other districts, at an Anglican Church Retreat in Kokstad. A total of 39 adults participated in this course. A contingent of 23 adults from as far afield as Port St. Johns also joined the group. Under the leadership of Matthew Reve, 5 trainers from Eastern and EG Kei Regions were in attendance. A number of the Sports Department officials were present and were very enthusiastic to see what we were doing towards the upliftment of the youth. In fact, we were invited to address the departmental officials which took place on the 18th March.



SCOUT ADVANCEMENT SCHEME

To assist you, we circulate the requirements for the Scout Membership Badge and the Pathfinder Badge with this edition of "OUTTRAY". Troop Scouters are asked to enter the spirit of Scouting by seeing that your Scouts achieve these advancements within the Patrol as was envisaged by our founder - Baden-Powell.

Further Advancement requirements - Adventurer, First Class etc will be circulated with future editions of "OUTTRAY".

FIRST AID

Interested Scouters can contact Veronica on Tel: 3607914 for more info. The course is offered at a special of R330 if we have a minimum of 12 participants. One of the requirements to take cubs camping is a **QUALIFIED 1st AIDER**.

The cost of this course should be carried by your Group Committee. As soon as we have enough participants then we can arrange a date. The course consists of 20 hours. This can be done weekly in the evening or over 3 or 4 Saturday mornings.

LION CUB CAMP - 16-18th May

Please notify of the expected number of Cubs that are eligible for this Camp. Age 10 years old. A cub must be 10 years old and but not yet 11 years old by the 31st of May 2003.

Contact Person: Veronica Davies 3607914

POW WOW SKILLS TRAINING COURSE 14-15th June 2003

Venue: Gilwood East London

Cost: R80 per person, (Accommodation and food if sleeping over on Friday = EXTRA R20.00)

Eligibility: Pack Scouters and Assistant Pack Scouters in Cape Eastern Area.

Aim: Become better acquainted with the Cub Trail, Advancement for ALL CUBS

Contact Person: Your REGIONAL COMMISSIONER who has all the relevant information for you.

Contributions can be:

Delivered to Scout Shop P.E.

Faxed to the Scout Shop on 041 374 4096

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bE prepared: That's my advice, for what it's worth, to all parents of eager-beaver children who beg to take up new sports interests or hobbies.

Be sure and be warned that their enthusiasm may wane before the ballet pumps, shoulder pads or new hockey stick has or have so much as a crease, scrape or ding in them.

It happens. It's a little tough, however, when your investment stretches beyond a single pair of swimming goggles or even a cricket bat, to the likes of an imported violin.

Little Johnny's sudden distaste for stringed instruments is unlikely to easily be tolerated.

It's not that the Derry household finds itself in this

Be prepared for a sudden change

particular predicament right now. (Fortunately, from a financial point of view, we're all tone deaf.) It's just that we're at the other end of the spectrum.

Ebullient, enthusiastic, keen, up and at 'em, eager, ardent, exuberant, irrepressible, zealous... indeed, there aren't enough adjectives to describe Derrylet number 2's general demeanour towards his new found interest.

What I can tell you, however, is that the rest of the family is under siege - literally buttoned down and at the ready for the next barrage of questions or requests such as his enthusiasm.

Campfires are burning



Slices of life

By Debbie Derry

and solar ovens are doing their thing. String is being knotted and money raised.

We've joined the Boy Scouts. Yes, we.

You see, although Derrylet number 2 is the one wearing the khaki uniform, green cap and hiking boots, we have all been indoctrinated by Lord Baden Powell's legacy. But happily so.

For despite constant losses in the string, peg and

toolbox departments; despite having to regularly play nurse to cuts, bruises and bumps; despite having to cut my Friday evenings in

half to fetch you scout; despite having to dig deep for a new uniform (though admittedly, it's the cheapest uniform purchase to date); despite being usurped from my kitchen and suffering "scorched earth" attacks on my lawn, I can only salute the movement that turns irresponsible little boys into self-reliant young men. The Derrylet who wouldn't so much as put a

head in a book, is now nose down in order to discover more about an organisation that will reward him with badges for climbing trees, making bridges, building shelters, swimming rivers, tracking animals, identifying plants... and everything else wholesome 11-year-old boys should be doing.

The Derrylet who once camped in front of the television or computer, is now preparing for "real live" camping outside, so there's very little time any more for TV trivialities of Dragon Ball Zee or for outwitting Harry Potter's computerised enemies. "I've got too much to make before scouts." And the

Derrylet who strips off the constraints of a uniform at the first opportunity, happily slips into this one whether he's scouting or not.

Yes, he's smitten by scouts and so are we.

For this time around, I believe he has discovered an interest that will outlast the one-time fascination with gardening, the collecting of beetles, butterflies, other creepy crawlies, stones, shells, stamps, teabags, nails, Tazos etc, the swimming, athletics and even the rigours of rugby.

But I'm prepared, just like my Boy Scout, for whatever happens.